

# The Broken Prop



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### Meeting Schedule:

Second Wednesday each  
month at the Community  
Center Building, Goodells Park,  
6:00 pm.

Please try to attend the  
meetings if you can. It's a  
great way to stay in touch with  
what is going on in your club.

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### President's Perspective

I'd like to start this month's article with the success of our swap meet which went on without a hitch. Thanks to all of those who helped us out with our swap meet; task big or small, the help is appreciated. Your efforts helped make the event run as smooth as possible.

On Behalf of myself and the club, I'd also like to give a big "Thanks" to DAN SCHWARTZ of FoamFly.com for giving us a \*great\* deal on the parts for the AndNow Plane... And, "Thanks" to ED OLSZEWSKI for donating and taking the time to build our raffle plane.

Our First meeting of the year was cancelled because of our first big snow storm of the year and was held after the swap meet, where we were starting to see promising figures from that day's event. Quite possibly, next year, it might be worth our time looking at holding our swap meet at a different venue.

Our next few meetings we'll focus on the field lease renewal, our June Air Show and rounding up raffle prizes. We will be holding field cleanup day before our June Event, date to be announced.

As always, at our air shows we need to have the support of our members to work together to make the events a success.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting  
February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Oh, Just remember, it's not too much longer until we will be out flying at the field again!



For those of you who didn't know, the club would also like to thank Todd Litke for helping the gentleman from Novi that was having a heart attack at the swap meet. Todd stayed with him for about 30 minutes in the parking lot until EMS showed up. Dave Hartunian never lost consciousness and was doing fine when he left with the EMS.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 11<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters** Club meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> – **Mid Michigan R/C Swap** (Owasso)  
call Dave Hamilton (989) 865-6649  
15<sup>th</sup> – **Redline Racing** – Indoor Electric  
Cars, Trucks & Buggies 11:30 – 1:30  
25<sup>th</sup> – **Skymasters** RC Swap (Wed 6 pm)  
www.skymasters.org  
29<sup>th</sup> – **Redline Racing** – Indoor Electric  
Cars, Trucks & Buggies 11:30 – 1:30

### MARCH

10<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### APRIL

14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### MAY

12<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### JUNE

9<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

19<sup>th</sup> – **Propbusters Fun Fly** 10:00 am

### JULY

14<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### AUGUST

7<sup>th</sup> – **4H Fair Demo Fun Fly** & Propbusters  
club Picnic 9:30 am

11<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> - **Propbusters Toys for Tots** Fun Fly  
9:30 am

8<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

### OCTOBER

13<sup>th</sup> - Propbusters Club meeting

All events are open to other clubs to participate and are more than welcome to come out and support the hobby of R/C flying.

(If anyone knows of any other clubs' events, let me know so I can get them in here.)

### Combat Squad

Are you looking for a way to show off your flying abilities? Are you looking for a new challenge? Give Todd Litke a call. He's working on setting up a squad for this year. If you have an extra radio system and 40-size engine, the planes are easy to build and cost around \$20.

Take a look at [www.spadtothebone.com](http://www.spadtothebone.com) for some easy to build planes.

## January Meeting

Our regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled because of snow. Most of the details for the swap meet were taken care of by email between the club officers.

A meeting was held following the Swap Meet on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM with 9 members present.

Mike Grant won the airplane raffle and the winner of the 50/50 raffle received \$59.

\$203.30 has come out of the expenses for the Toys For Tots. Keith/Gary made a motion to accept the Secretary and Treasurers reports.

We discussed the need for extra tables next year for raffles. This year the raffle and door collection were done by one person and this seemed like a lot of work. We would need more volunteers to handle the raffle.

Getting a hand stamp and lock box for door money were also suggested.

The lease status was discussed with the secretary being made responsible for contacting Rob to find out about having the park sign and notarize it.

A field cleanup date is needed to be scheduled. It is usually one week prior to the fun fly. We also need to schedule the driveway work with Ron.

The status of the Cold Duck repair was mentioned. The Carburetor is purchased and waiting for a Spring installation.

Canceling the late dues payment charge was brought up and discussed but no motion was made.

The need for Fun Fly donation requests was made known. We still don't have a Contest Director, so we will have to stay away from sponsors requiring club events to be AMA sanctioned. Keith and Todd will handle sending out the requests.

We need to work on getting a sound system lined up for the Fun Fly to make sure we aren't without one this year.

It was suggested to change the flight line for the 4H Fair. Another suggestion was to close the field except for the day of the flight demonstrations. Todd will send a letter to the park director about ways we're going to work around the 4H fair to minimize complaints against the club during that week. We also could use chalk lines to move the flight line to deter flying past the end of the field. Another suggestion was tall posts down at the end of the field.

Meeting ended at 12:44 PM.

## Financial Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		<b>\$1,240.33</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$	95.00
Plane	\$	242.00
Food	\$	104.00
50/50 Raffle	\$	59.00
Door	\$	203.00
Total Income	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>703.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Postage/Newsletter	\$	9.99
Foam Fly	\$	155.92
Total Expenses	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>165.91</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		
Checking	\$	1,777.42
Cash on Hand	\$	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,777.42</u></b>

## Propbusters Swap Meet

Our swap meet was held on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. It was scheduled to start at 9, but there were people ready to start buying at 8:30.



With 30 tables available, there was only 1 empty. We were starting to fear we'd run out of room.



## Propbusters Swap Meet (continued)

The hit of the swap meet was the videos of R/C crashes provided by Todd. There was always a crowd over by the TV watching and enjoying their doughnuts. Seeing all those crashes makes one want buy a backup plane for this season.



Ed did an excellent job on building and raffling the "AndNow" airplane, which I heard was modified and he was calling a "NowWhat".



Doug McLaren's wife did an excellent job at the concession stand providing a doughnut and a cup of coffee for \$2 with free refills. As you can see, we made \$104 for her work.



### Propbusters Swap Meet (continued)



Gary, Sheila and Keith all took turns at the door and most people didn't mind us writing on their hand with a marker. I told you it would wash off. Next year we'll get a stamp to make it faster.



The Propbusters would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help make this year's swap meet a success.



### Propbusters Swap Meet (continued)



Mike Grant was the winner of the AndNow.



## Flint (Flying Aces) Swap

The Flying Aces swap was held Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> and, yes, Josh won a small toy r/c car- a Cooper - Sheila has a fond spot for the "Mini", and asked Josh to win it for her, within a minute, they called his name.



Actually, I think they had more kid's door prizes, than kids, so the odds were that most of the kids went home with something - nice touch.



## Birchwood Sports Dome Fun Fly



Don't forget to come out to the sports dome every other Friday night and check out the electrics and non-powered planes.



The activity starts at 8:00 PM and costs \$15 to fly. No charge to come and watch.

